

HOWARD COUNTY ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2017
Howard County Health Department, 8930 Stanford Blvd, Columbia, 21045

ADAAB MEMBERS/DESIGNEES: Chinwe Adetula, Tsega Amahatsion, Rick Bergin, Mark Donovan, Robert Ehrhardt, Alicia Feliciano, Matt Fonseca, Kassy Hargadon-Zester, Cindy Johnson, Jack Kavanagh, Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Maura Rossman, Jennifer Van Blarcom, Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Lauren Stoesser, Linda Zumbrun

HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY STAFF: Dominique Hall and Rachel ChooQuan

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Barbara Allen, Tom Allen, Jack Altfather and James LeMon

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m. by Chair Joan Webb Scornaienchi. She welcomed the board and guests. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The September 13, 2017, Agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The June 21, 2017, Minutes were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Provided by Roe

Thanks to those who attended the Opioid Forum: A Call to Action hosted by the Office of Emergency Management and Health Department on August 24, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Howard Community College.

Thanks to those who attended the International Overdose Awareness Candle Light Vigil and Recovery Celebration hosted by James Place and the Health Department on August 31, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Roe shared copies of the revised Howard County Substance Use Disorder Resource Guide: There is also a link on the Behavioral Health page of the Health Department website.

Roe shared copies of a list of newly opened behavioral health providers in Howard County.

The Health Department and Howard County Mental Health Authority (HCMHA) worked together to submit a joint behavioral health integrative crisis plan proposal to the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) by the due date of September 8, 2017. All jurisdictions across Maryland were tasked with submitting a proposal including cost estimates. The plans will be summarized by BHA and submitted to the Maryland legislature in the fall.

The Health Department was awarded just over \$124,000 of Opioid Operational Command Center funds from BHA to combat the opioid epidemic. Approval is pending.

The Health Department is recruiting for some positions: an opioid project administrator, two peer recovery support specialists, and two licensed social workers.

The Health Department and HCMHA are jointly hosting five FREE CEU trainings entitled Five-Part Training Series: Core Competencies in Integrated Care, Part I - V: Screening, Assessing, Treatment Planning, Treatment Matching, and Group Treatment. The training dates are Friday, September 8, 15, 22, 29 and October 6, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. by Tom Godwin from the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, Evidence-Based Practices Center.

The Health Department is continuing to promote its opioid prevention and awareness campaign at the Columbia Mall through a sky banner above the food court, floor clings, and table tents in the food court.

OVERDOSE RESPONSE PROGRAM (ORP) AND OPIOID MISUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

(OMPP) UPDATE: Provided by Roe

ORP Update:

The Health Department held its monthly ORP training on July 17 and August 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The next scheduled ORP trainings are September 18, October 16, November 6, and December 18, 2017.

Over the summer, additional ORP trainings were held for JAEL, Silverman Treatment Solution, the Community Care Team of Howard County General Hospital (HCGH), the Department of Public Works, the Howard County Public School System's Athletic trainers, the Wellness Center at HCGH, the Centennial Medical Group, the Opioid Forum: A Call to Action, and the International Overdose Awareness Day for a total of 191 trainees. The Health Department's ORP was also highlighted in the Howard County Times by reporter Kate Magill.

OMPP Update:

The Health Department has been invited to present/participate in several opioid prevention and awareness events in the recent weeks/months. Presentations have been conducted at the Manage Care Organization (MCO)'s Coordination of Care Meeting, the United Health Care Advisory Board Meeting, the Central Library, and the Networking Fair by the HCPSS' Office of Student Services. Some upcoming events/presentations include the Teen Summit, the 50 + Expo, the Pain Awareness Event at HCGH, Focus Solutions, and the Miller Branch Library.

At the last Overdose Fatality Review Team meeting, 16 overdose death cases were reviewed. Our findings indicated that 10 of the decedents were under the mean age of 35. There was a slight shift in the demographic from Caucasian males to include 4 African-Americans, 1 Hispanic

and 3 females. 11 deaths included fentanyl and 7 heroin. Letters were sent to each prescriber to make them aware of their patients' deaths.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTEGRATION UPDATE: Provided by Roe

The County Executive's office organized a Behavioral Health Integration Workgroup to decide how to integrate the Health Department's Bureau of Behavioral Health and the HCMHA. A workgroup was formed consisting of 15 voting members. There were five workgroups with the final workgroup on May 24, 2017. The meetings were open to the public. The workgroup voted to integrate the HCMHA into the Health Department. A transition committee was formed and has been meeting to work through the integration steps. The integration implementation date is July 1, 2018.

HC DRUGFREE PREVENTION/EDUCATION/OPIOID UPDATE: Provided by Joan

Joan thanked members of ADAAB for their support and assistance during her 8 years at HC DrugFree.

HC DrugFree's video addressing the Opioid Epidemic in Howard County is being played at Howard County Public School System's middle school and high school back-to-school nights as HC DrugFree's PTAs/PTSAs representatives distribute fliers to the parents. At Dr. Rossman's request, the video was played at the meeting. Joan thanked James LeMon and the HCPSS administration for their ongoing partnership.

HC DrugFree's first 2017-18 Teen Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 18. An attorney, a dental surgeon, and a person in recovery are scheduled to be at the meeting.

The next convenient drive-thru medication and "sharps" (needles, syringes, and EpiPens) collection will be on Saturday, October 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. outside HC DrugFree's office in the Wilde Lake Village Center. The Howard County Police will guard and transport the medications.

With the start of the new school year, HC DrugFree is busy attending fairs, events, and speaking engagements, and scheduling educational programs for the fall.

CURRENT TOPICS/ADAAB ACTION: Provided by Roe

A presentation was provided to share information and stimulate a discussion on evidence-based practices (EBP) specifically EBP for substance use disorder prevention. Feedback was requested from ADAAB on their interest in utilizing EBPs in the community. ADAAB members discussed interest in child/family-based programs.

NEW BUSINESS: None reported.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None reported.

Next Meeting is October 18, 2017, at 5:15 p.m. at the Howard County Health Department.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.